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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is a Response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on June 22, 2011, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. The three month period for reply expires on September 22, 2011. Therefore, this Response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.